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## SMASH CPD, ABOLISH RACISM



**CHICAGO**—Dozens of Black, white, and Latin women and men of all ages shut down streets on the city's west side. The bold actions of these anti-racist fighters peaked with a demonstration in front of the District 10 Chicago Police Department (CPD) station. As more people joined in, the killer Klan-in-blue made a hasty retreat into the station. Progressive Labor Party (PLP) participated and helped lead, promoting communist revolution as the solution to racist killer cops.

The march was led by friends and relatives of Steve Rosenthal. This 15-year-old Black teen was executed by racist cops in Chicago's Lawndale neighborhood in August 2018. The lying kkkops naturally rationalized their violent murder, leading with the standard lie that they "thought he might have a gun."

After chasing him into a stairwell at his grandmother's home, they shot him in the back of the head. They claimed it was "suicide." He was

brought to the local hospital, dead on arrival, but the family was not allowed to see his body. We have been fighting for justice for Steve ever since. During the first month after Steve's murder, demonstrations were held almost daily.

Communists in the international PLP fight injustice alongside our class sisters and brothers wherever and whenever the bosses attack. We promote the idea that the whole racist capitalist system is at the root of our collective misery and must be destroyed. Racist police murder, pandemics, unemployment and deportations will cease to exist when we organize millions of our class into PLP to crush capitalism with communist revolution!

### Antiracists take the street, fascist cops retreat

The massive worldwide rebellions set off by the police murders of George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, and Breonna Taylor inspired the renewed energy

to fight and march for Steve. Organized mainly through social media, flyers, and personal contacts, a crowd of a few dozen multi-racial workers and youth turned up in front of the local west side high school that served as the rallying point for past marches.

Soon after setting off on our march, we quickly took over a major street in front of the police station where Steve's murderers operated and found protection. A line of cops soon filtered out and tried to intimidate and disperse the crowd. But the anger of the family, friends, and supporters would not be stopped!

We quickly shouted down the racist hitmen, pointing out that 22 months had passed and the family still had little to no information about getting justice for their loved one. The cops were forced to retreat as we continued to block the

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# OUR FIGHT

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- ★Communism means abolishing racism and the concept of “race.” Capitalism uses racism to super-exploit Black, Latin, Asian and indigenous workers, and to divide the entire working class.
- ★Communism means abolishing the special oppression of women— sexism—and divisive gender roles created by the class society.
- ★Communism means abolishing nations and nationalism. One international working class, one world, one Party.
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- ★Communism means the Party leads every aspect of society. For this to work, millions of workers — eventually everyone — must become communist organizers. Join Us!

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## Editorial

# Russian bounties expose liberal fascists

The allegations that Russia paid cash bounties to the Taliban to kill U.S. troops in Afghanistan, with no response from the floundering U.S. government, is yet another sign of the decay of U.S. imperialism. Facing an out-of-control pandemic, a full-blown economic depression, and mass fightback against the racist kk-kops, the U.S. ruling class is in crisis. Their institutions are in freefall. Their leadership—both Republican and Democrat—is incompetent and divided.

For the international working class and the revolutionary communist party that must lead it, the resulting chaos is both an opportunity and a danger. For the first time in many years, masses of workers are openly seeking alternatives to the bankrupt profit system. But we must also be aware that intensified state terror and inter-imperialist global war are heading our way.

## Fascists big and small

After 18 years of fruitless U.S. combat in Central Asia and the Middle East, open racist President Donald Trump has pushed for a pullout from flashpoints like Afghanistan and Syria. Trump fronts for the isolationist Small Fascists, whose profits come mainly from U.S. energy and other domestic sources. Trump’s wing is fundamentally at odds with the imperialist finance capitalists, the liberal Big Fascists, who rely on dominance over cheap Middle Eastern oil. Both sides have become tired of “the forever war” in Afghanistan—a conflict, says the New York Times, the liberal bosses’ top mouthpiece, that “needs to be brought to an end” (7/7).

But we shouldn’t confuse the Big Fascists’ push for “peace” with any aversion to spilling workers’ blood. The liberal rulers want to conserve their military and political collateral for the superpower war to come. They see Trump’s failure to check rival Russia’s rise in the region as a dangerous strategic weakness. As U.S. finance capital fights to regain control in the upcoming elections and beyond, these splits within the ruling class will become only sharper and more violent.

As workers, we can have no illusions that the Big Fascists’ attacks on Trump will serve our class interests. These liberal capitalists represent the greatest danger to our class. They co-opt mass uprisings into voting and dead-end struggles for minor reforms as they build a patriotic boss-run movement for full-blown fascism and World War III.

For workers to escape this nightmare, our goal must be clear: communist revolution and the building of an egalitarian, worker-run society. The international Progressive Labor Party (PLP) fights to organize the world’s masses, from Kabul to Moscow to Minneapolis, into an armed force of millions to crush this racist, sexist capitalist system forever.

## Liberals pile on Trump in rush to war

The Big Fascists, represented mainly by Democratic Party stooges and sell-outs, wasted no time jumping on the bounty report to further discredit and discipline the rogue president. They recognize Trump for the deranged, self-serving clown that he is, completely unfit to manage the long-term interests of their U.S. empire.

Numerous past U.S. military leaders have joined the attack. John R. Allen, head of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan under ex-President Barack Obama, a reliable Big Fascist front man, blasted Trump and Co. on the recent “peace” deal brokered between the arch-sexist, criminal Taliban and the battered and corrupt Afghan government:

From an administration that has... abandoned the Kurds in Syria and undercut the Palestinians, it’s hard to imagine an American strategic counterattack into Afghanistan when the Taliban inevitably violate the terms of this agreement....(Brookings, 3/5).

The Big Fascists are desperate to win back the presidency to try to “right the ship” of U.S. imperialism and prepare for war against Russia or China or both. Though they’ve yet to find the internal discipline required for the job, they’re seeking to restore some semblance of legitimacy to capitalist legal and economic institutions. Hence the liberals’ calls to address glaring racist and sexist inequalities in wealth, health, housing, jobs, and incarceration. They also realize that they need a more aggressive stance to keep their imperialist rivals from rolling over them.

Within days of the bounty scheme becoming pub-



lic, prominent liberals like House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer demanded to be briefed by national intelligence officials while calling for renewed sanctions against Russia (NYT, 7/1). Joe Biden, the segregationist nitwit the Democrats plan to run against Trump, boasted that if he were elected, Russian President Vladimir Putin “would be confronted and we’ll impose serious costs on Russia” (MSN, 6/28).

Richard Haass, president of the Council on Foreign Relations, the premier Big Fascist think tank, chimed in on Twitter: “Russia is carrying out covert wars vs US troops in Afghanistan and our democracy here at home. A proportionate response would increase the costs to Russia of its military presence in Ukraine & Syria and, using sanctions & cyber, to challenge Putin at home” (6/27).

With the liberal world order and U.S. supremacy collapsing before their eyes, the Big Fascists will be forced to escalate their imperialist onslaughts—not out of strength, but out of weakness.

## Russia’s covert imperialist game

A Russian covert intelligence attack against U.S. and British military forces in Afghanistan fits with Putin’s approach of “hybrid” warfare. With Russia’s military not up to the task of confronting U.S. or NATO forces head-on, its state capitalist bosses have sharpened their destabilization skills with cyberattacks, meddling in foreign elections, and arming proxy armies (RAND Corporation Report, 3/22/17).

As details of the alleged bounties surface, so too does evidence that Russia has been cultivating both the Taliban and the central Afghan government to engineer a quicker U.S. withdrawal (CNN, 7/1). A shrinking U.S. presence will leave a vacuum for the Russian bosses’ own imperialist designs on the region. After being forced out of Afghanistan in the late 1980s by the U.S.-backed mujahideen (the forerunners of the Taliban, Al Qaeda, and ISIS), Russian imperialists are eager to restore their neighbor and greater Central Asia into their orbit for wider regional security, lucrative military contracts, and access to natural resource wealth (The Interpreter, 5/7).

## Fight for communism!

When the contradictions of inter-imperialist rivalry eventually explode, all sets of national capitalist bosses will be eager to send countless workers to fight and die in their wars for profit. As communists, our revolutionary objective is to win millions of workers and students worldwide to join Progressive Labor Party. We must smash capitalism’s genocidal business as usual and fight for international workers’ power. We must link the struggles against racist police terror, devastating unemployment, and imperialist war into a unified revolutionary battle against this entire rotten system. PLP represents the mass working class, the one force that can wipe the profit system and all its misery from the face of the earth. Join us!☺



# Abolish NYPD, build school for communism

*The following is an excerpted speech given by a PL high school student at a rally in front of the Chancellor of NYC public schools home to a crowd of hundreds demanding that NYPD (New York Police Department) be removed from all public schools.*

I am a junior at a mostly Black and Latin high school. My school has had metal detectors for decades, so I am no stranger to the racist over-policing and criminalization of Black and Latin youth in public schools.

I get to the front of the line with all of my metal items and electronics in a basket and when I have to get hand-wanded, I know that I have to stand with my feet shoulder-width apart and my arms out. I don't need to hold onto something when I have to lift my feet up so they can scan the bottom of my shoes. This is because I have been doing this every day since the 6th grade.

The DOE (Department of Education) has perpetuated into my daily life since I was 11 years old, that I am a suspect before I am a student. School safety tells me to remove metal items from my body before a teacher tells me good morning. I have to explain that I am a student at the school and have been for 6 years to reenter for volleyball practice before my coach tells me to run a few laps. I have to put my phone and jewelry in my bag before I can take a pencil out of it.

They claim it is for our safety and protection. They claim my classmates are the dangerous ones. They try to make us scared of each other, but the only people I am scared of are the ones wearing the badges.

Racist incidents at school range from extreme ones like my friend getting tackled, bruised, and arrested for using a safety pin to hold his glasses together to something as seemingly small as not

being allowed to bring an iced coffee because of the claim that there could be alcohol in it.

The NYPD and DOE work side by side to help funnel innocent working-class Black and Latin kids into prisons by familiarizing us with the police from a young age. But at my school we fight back!

My volleyball team went to one of the city's "elite" high schools to play a game and got yelled at by school safety and were forced to walk in a single file like we were at Rikers Island [prison]. The white team we faced got none of that. We were accused of stealing from their gym inventory and racist remarks like "looks like they went on a shopping spree" were murmured between school safety agents as we left.

My school rallied teachers, students, and parents to collectively fight back. We made phone calls, we wrote letters, we threatened a sit in, and in the end, my team got the head of school safety along with the perpetrators to come to our school and have an in-depth conversation that ended in genuine apologies. Now every time our volleyball team walks into that school we are treated with respect.

### When the working class unites, changes are inevitable!

However, just because we won that fight does not mean racist policing has stopped in schools. We still have to get the NYPD and its racist, toxic murderous culture out of our schools! And more is needed! This entire school system under capitalism teaches a toxic ideology; only some kids are meant to make it. This is a school system that teaches us that in every graduating class there are a few winners and many more losers.

Everybody wants to talk about systemic racism without mentioning the system—capitalism, the

profit system—that treats most of us like waste. For me the systemic change that is needed has a name—communism.

In our segregated system, from elementary school, students and parents buy into this idea that going to a Black and Latin school equates to failure. The real failure is being won over to racism, the real failure is pushing your kids into schools that fuel elitism by allowing them to think that they deserve to be there because they are better.

This capitalist government needs to maintain this superiority complex in order to stop the working class from realizing that if we unite as a whole, NOTHING can stop us!

The very multi-racial, multi-generational unity that we see right now to get these kkkops out of our schools is the very unity that is needed to smash this racist, capitalist system.

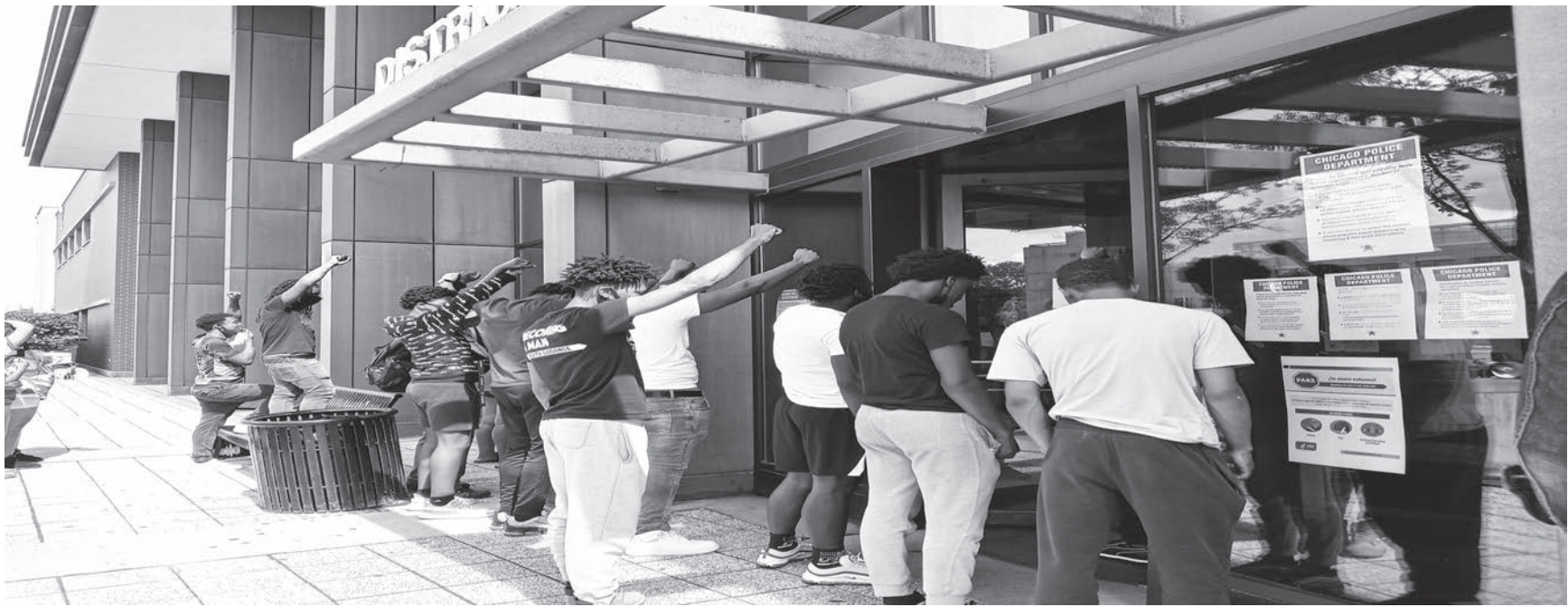
High schools and colleges have trained us to hate communism, the same ones that tell most of us we have no worth. Do you trust these institutions of oppression to teach you the truth about your own liberation?

We cannot trust the very capitalist system that needs racism to thrive to fix systemic racism. This is not a broken system. It is working exactly how it was built to work.

Removing NYPD from schools will not fix segregation, it will not stop failing the majority of its students, and most importantly, it will not fix the racism that is taught in our schools. My classmates, your students, your children deserve more; so, we have to fight for more!

We have to abolish the NYPD and this racist, capitalist system once and for all! **SAME ENEMY, SAME FIGHT, WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE!**🇸🇺

# For Steve and too many names, smash capitalism



Young protesters block front entrance of police station

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street and the station's front entrance.

Continuing the march through Steve's home neighborhood, his friends and relatives led the march with chants, songs, and speeches. Some of the marchers were grade school age, like Steve's younger brother, but still spoke into the bullhorn as boldly as any seasoned fighter.

The leadership shown by the young Black workers who organized a militant march and stood up to the police was powerful. It bodes well for the future of the struggle to overthrow capitalism.

### Workers embrace communist line

PLP comrades, who have been fighting alongside Steve's family since his 2018 murder, helped give leadership as well. Our speeches called out

liberal politicians, such as Mayor Lori Lightfoot, a Black woman posing as an anti-racist, who fully supports Chicago's racist police.

Marchers applauded our message to continue organizing for communism, instead of falling into the bosses' election traps. They asked PLP to lead the second half of the march with our banner that read CPD: Guilty of Racist Murder. Unite to Overthrow Capitalism. Join PLP.

Participants also loudly repeated PLP-led chants:

**"CPD, KKK How many kids did you kill today?"**

**"CPD you can't hide We charge you with genocide!"**

We distributed hundreds of PLP leaflets and CHALLENGE newspapers to marchers and working-class residents. Our long-term efforts to build a base in this particular neighborhood – hold-

ing other rallies, marches, May Day dinners, and CHALLENGE sales – have helped to make us a welcome, antiracist fighting force in the area. We intend to continue deepening these relationships and building our base for our mass Party.

### No retreats from communism

The movement against racist police murder worldwide is at a crossroads, and we have the potential to play a vital role. Either we boldly advocate for communist revolution as the solution, or we allow the liberals and the misleaders to dilute the struggle as they have done time and time before.

For us, the second option is a definite no-go. The road to justice for Steve Rosenthal, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and countless others takes the form of building the international PLP. Fight back against racist capitalism – Fight for communist revolution!🇸🇺



# Pakistan: capitalism is the virus

**PAKISTAN**—Here, as in any place generally, unemployment and the high cost of living make workers desperate to find jobs. During the Covid-19 pandemic especially, however, the Pakistani bosses have been playing even deadlier games with the lives of working class people. The bosses here are using the pandemic crisis to boost their regional political power by intensifying working class exploitation and increasing profits.

Communists in the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) here have been organizing the working class to fight back and for a world where we produce everything that is essential and vital for life. Only communist revolution can defeat the coronavirus pandemic and the virus of capitalism, as capitalism proves itself again incapable and uninterested in protecting working class life.

## Capitalism creates exponential coronavirus growth

Today, Pakistan records more than 170,000 new Covid-19 patients daily. According to official numbers, every day 2,000 new patients are hospitalized and about 110 people die. The estimates, according to some non-governmental organizations, present an even more dangerous situation, with between two and four million people infected and 800,000 of these in Lahore alone, the second largest city of Pakistan.

The government is not allowing enough people to get tested, showing their careless attitude towards the working class and leaving them to infect their families and coworkers. But even the testing kits that are available do not give accurate results; test results on the same patient taken in private and government labs yield different results. Since the bosses are only interested in increasing production for profit without ensuring test kit quality, they do not ensure that the testing kits produced are accurate. Furthermore, big landlords and factory owners out to make money force workers to come to work even if they will get infected. Bosses know there is no scarcity of workers if some get infected because there are millions of others looking to get a job.

## Religion: virus’ vector, bosses’ tool

Capitalist bosses use many different techniques to make money. The best way to make money in Pakistan is to create a disaster-like situation to justify increased racist and sexist exploitation and oppression, and then promote religion. Some of the bosses’ religious propaganda says “there is no coronavirus, it’s just a conspiracy...”. This propaganda affects some among the working-class who believe this, when in reality the capitalist bosses are eager to distract with conspiracy theories rather than providing basic necessities. The medical system is utterly unable to handle more Covid-19 cases, with no hospital beds available even in Islamabad, the capital.

Shia religious ministers were allowed to travel to Pakistan from Iran without staying in quarantine at the Pakistani-Iranian border. People who came back from Saudi Arabia were also allowed to go home without any testing or isolation. Sunni religious ministers and ruling party leaders influenced the authorities to grant permission to hold “tablighi Ijtimah” (an Islamic congregation organized by Islamic organizations every year) at Raiwind Lahore where people from all over the world participated, spent days together and then traveled freely around Pakistan.

According to the reports about 70-80,000 people participated in this congregation from various parts of Pakistan and 3,000 attendees from 40 countries. 60 percent of the coronavirus cases in Pakistan have been linked to the people who attended this Islamic congregation, and pilgrims returning from the Middle East. Twenty percent out of the remaining 40 percent of cases are linked to people from Italy, Spain, the UK and other European countries. They were not tested at the airport because they bribed the officers while screening at the airports. The remaining 20 percent were infected by local transmission.

Workers living in abject poverty are more susceptible to Covid-19 because of worse sanitation conditions and higher population density in some places, increasing risk of exposure at the work-

place or on the street. Public transport is filled with workers who cannot afford masks or gloves because masks, gloves and hand sanitizers sell for astronomical prices.

## Bosses exploit crisis, workers organize and fight

A Pakistani minister told the bosses’ media that he is expecting two million official cases by the middle of July 2020, and that the daily death rate will also be increased to 8-10,000 per day. Despite this prediction, the prime minister is against taking any steps to slow down the spread of disease. Their thinking is that Pakistan needs millions of cases to postpone paying loan installments taken from the IMF, World Bank and other monetary institutions or governments, and to petition for aid from the main imperialist countries.

Meanwhile, the government is rapidly privatizing different government-owned factories and laying off workers in the face of dropping exports and dropping demand for factory production. In Lahore, Karachi, Multan, Faisalabad, Rawalpindi and Peshawar bosses have fired thousands of workers for this reason. In one steel mill factory alone, 9,350 workers lost their jobs all at once. Demonstrations have erupted at textile factories for Qasim textiles and U.S. Apparel, but so far have been broken by the factory bosses’ private security and private police. PLP is working to organize more demonstrations against the bosses.

## Communism is the cure for capitalist virus

Capitalism is spreading death everywhere in this world. The bosses have no intention of saving working class lives and do not care about us. We communists in the PLP know that communism can fight against pandemics and disasters, as we communists in Pakistan have taken care of working class people who were in danger during past disasters, and now during this pandemic despite our limited resources. Only with a communist revolution for state power can we organize society and our resources to take care of each other. PLP continues to fight!✊

# Antiracist healthcare workers expose liberal misleaders

**LOS ANGELES, June 13**—Over 300 healthcare workers marched on two LA County jails, and then on to the ICE detention center. The LA County jails are the largest jail system in the country, which is the largest jailer on the planet! As we marched with a pickup truck and sound system Progressive Labor Party chants led all along the way. Chants such as, “Racism means... Alex Flores means... Our healthcare means... WE GOT TO FIGHT BACK” rang out through downtown Los Angeles! We were also joined by three families who had their loved ones murdered by LA Sheriff’s including the family of Alex Flores, killed by the LAPD in November 2019.

A reform group that gets money directly from George Soros (liberal, capitalist billionaire) and is connected to the Movement4BlackLives (M4BL) organized this march. The Progressive Labor Party has been involved in this group over the last two years.

## Multiracial unity against racism confronts identity politics

During the march the identity politics of ONLY talking about “Black lives” fell flat on many workers, as hundreds of multiracial health care workers joined forces with the families and friends fighting against racist police murders. Meanwhile a PLP comrade gave a rousing speech describing the horrors of racism created by the capitalist system, the creation of the police from slave patrols, and the impact of racism on our health, particularly with the role of mass incarceration on the HIV epidemic.

Our comrade was followed by an even more powerful and passionate speech by the sister of Alex Flores. She talked openly about her brother’s

struggles with a racist education system, difficulties he had landing a job, and connected this racism to her job as a dental hygienist. She described the inferior care the mostly Black and Latin patients get. She openly called for multiracial unity and fightback against this racist, capitalist system. She got a great reception by the hundreds in attendance. It was inspiring!

This group was formed to organize healthcare workers to join the “abolitionist” fight around reforms surrounding LA County Jails. Our work has consisted of ending money bail, ending pre-trial assessments that lead to increased incarceration for Black and Latin workers, and more recently around the “Alternatives to Incarceration” plan to move County money from the Sheriff’s to the various health agencies within the County.

## Let’s march on the jails, not send emails to politicians

We have been meeting mostly to discuss campaign-specific issues, with little political discussion. So it’s been difficult to really get to know the members in a deep way (they’re all over LA). We’ve mainly brought friends into this group and also politicized our on-the-job work at an HIV clinic. In this crisis period of racist Covid-19 pandemic and police terror, this work has provided an opportunity to mobilize some medical workers and students to participate in the Flores fight, especially our protest at the DA’s house.

More recently we pushed for this march which had us leading over 300 healthcare workers. The leader of this group is also part of the national leadership of M4BL. He has a reformist outlook, while espousing words like “abolition” and exposing “capitalism” to some degree. For the last two

years, he has been calling on members to attend meetings with politicians and send them “angry” emails, like the “digital action” he had us do toward the end of the march. He has been reluctant to build for any concrete actions against the LA County ruling class.

However, in this post-George Floyd and Breonna Taylor moment, the multiracial uprisings of workers all around the country, made it difficult for him to oppose a march on the jails. Our comrade, with some support, made the call for the march that he was forced to support.

On the day prior to the march, he wanted to “clarify” messaging on “defunding the sheriff’s” and to call for closing the Men’s Central Jail, only one of seven jails in LA County. Our comrade asked him why he was singling out only one jail and not all seven given the many calls to “defund.” This leader then exposed himself when he basically said that the Board of Supervisors, who run the entire LA County system, wants to close the jail anyway because it is completely rundown. It was pathetic. He was forced to take the position of closing all the jails, though of course we know that under capitalism that will never happen.

Nevertheless, this period of heightened racist attacks on our class and the uprisings following have created opportunities in a struggle that was seemingly non-moving for the last couple of years. It proves the absolute necessity of working in mass organizations for the long term. That slow work has provided an opportunity to move our base into action, expand our base, and grow our Party for the long-term fight for a communist world. ✊



# Communist politics lead anti-kkkops protests



Antiracists take over the Brooklyn Bridge, not the pedestrian section (6/19).

**NEW YORK CITY**—“Same enemy! Same fight! Workers of the world unite!” This chant filled the streets regularly in June in New York City, as Progressive Labor Party members and friends joined countless other workers and youth who took to the streets. The masses of antiracists have a path to choose: the road towards communist revolution or the road to reforming racist capitalism. For us, the answer is clear: abolish exploitation and build a world by the working class, for the working class.

### Masses open to communist leadership

Rebellions have erupted across the U.S. and around the world in response to racist police terror. In NYC, every day of the month was marked by protests. From the Bronx to Brooklyn, the Party brought a class-conscious political understanding that called out capitalism as the system built off racism in need of destruction by communists.

At least five times we united in large PLP contingents with bullhorns to share this message by leading chants, giving speeches, taking over the streets, holding signs, having conversations, and distributing thousands of CHALLENGES and fliers. We made new contacts and have begun involving them in Party study/action groups. Individually party members attended dozens of protests.

At one march, family members of those murdered by kkkops addressed the crowd. These included friends of PLP, who we have marched alongside for years. These friends once again provided much-needed political leadership when they sharply called for multi-racial unity to shut this racist system down. When a few reformist organizers led calls to “cut cut cut” the police budget,

the crowd responded with more volume and energy when chanting, “No more cops!”

“How do you spell ‘murderer?’ N-Y-P-D” was also popular in many of the demonstrations. Workers are rejecting the idea that racist police are merely “a few bad apples” and seeing racist terror as inherent to policing. PLP chants that the Party has been spreading for decades in NYC have caught on as mass chants.

## Asian, Latin, Black and white, to smash racism we must unite!

### Comrade, not ally

Another march in the mostly Black and Latin neighborhoods of Uptown Manhattan focused on promoting “Black and brown unity.” PLP succeeded at times in shifting the tone away from limiting identity politics. Many embraced our chants, so much so that neighboring bullhorns (including those of mass organizations in which we have been involved) at times followed our message rather than persisting with nationalist chants.

PLP speeches advocated for international, multiracial unity of the working class, which was met with cheers and applause, even as one of our comrades boldly affirmed “I stand with you today to fight, not as your white-ally, but as your white

comrade ready to burn this racist system down.” As Karl Marx said in Capital, “Labor in a white skin cannot emancipate itself where it is branded in a black skin.”

On Juneteenth, protestors took over the Brooklyn Bridge and high school students led chants to shut the profit system down on two different megaphones. One high school comrade gave a speech about her experiences with the racist use of metal detectors at her school (see the same comrade’s speech at a protest the day before, page 3).

As fellow protestors saw the leadership of Black and Latin youth in our organization, many took copies of CHALLENGE.

### What now?

Throughout all of these protests, we have seen a positive response to chants that push multiracial unity and call out capitalism. Less popular were revolutionary chants like, “Don’t vote, revolt!” This demonstrates the need to continue to struggle with workers over dead-end electoral politics. The danger for these movements is that, in the absence of a widely supported communist leadership, the liberal bosses will co-opt mass anger and funnel it towards reforming and supporting the system. The question to ask friends is: do we want to fight inside the system or outside the system of capitalism?

While calls to abolish the police are gaining popularity, capitalism requires police, and elections will never get rid of capitalism. Workers need to organize in a revolutionary communist party, the PLP, in order to abolish capitalism and police.🔥



March promoting unity between Black and Latin workers (6/14). PLP-led chants of “**Policía: racista, asesina, y fascista!**”(“**Cops: racist,murderous,and fascist**”) were taken up by many.



# LETTERS

We encourage all CHALLENGE readers to send in letters and articles about their experiences fighting the bosses worldwide.

## Tanzania: Capitalism’s brutal disregard for workers lives

On June 1 schools in Tanzania reopened after a coronavirus shutdown for almost three months. From all over the country, students were returning to their boarding schools, where they live and study in very close quarters. With no testing, masks, or plan for social distancing, teachers were very concerned for their own and their students’ safety and they took action to protect themselves from the pandemic.

The Tanzanian government’s failure to offer safety precautions is consistent with their whole approach to the pandemic. Unlike many African countries, (Rwanda, Senegal, Ethiopia, and Uganda) that have controlled the spread with extensive testing and contact tracing, Tanzania’s President has ordered victims of the virus to be buried in the dark of night, underreported the number of cases and deaths, and “led a crackdown on anyone who dares raise concerns about the virus’s spread”(Washington Post, 5/22). In spite of the fact that some hospitals here are reportedly overwhelmed by Covid-19 patients, and 50 Tanzanian truck drivers tested positive on the Kenyan border, President Magafuli claims that prayer has defeated the virus and that the economy is the main priority. Along with U.S. President Trump and Brazil’s President Bolsonaro (who this week tested positive for Covid-19), President Magafuli’s open defiance of public health guidelines is leading to untold unnecessary deaths.

The pandemic is exposing President Magafuli’s anti-scientific incompetence and it has strengthened China’s hand throughout Africa. The Chinese National Health Commission has been sending medical teams and supplies to help African countries fight the pandemic. At the same time, the U.S. did utterly nothing to help other countries fight the pandemic, but they backed a coup-d’etat in Venezuela and ramped up their air war in Somalia.

As the fascist Tanzanian government fires health ministers and jails or disappears reporters who are critical of the government’s handling of the pandemic, the working class needs to organize in the schools, churches, unions, and communities to take care of each other through the pandemic and beyond. We need to stop waiting for the opposition party or unions in bed with the government to challenge government repression and anti-working class policies. Fellow workers and students need to take actions that will embolden the working class and point the way to a communist world run by and for the working class.

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## Nooses in the hood: kkkops complacent, workers speak up

Our North Bronx Racial Justice group has just led two sharp actions against racist police terror: one against police complicity with fascist noose-hangers in VanCortlandt Park and one against a City Council member who failed to challenge a brutally racist precinct captain as promised.

On the eve of Juneteenth two neighborhood residents discovered, to their horror, three nooses hung on the west side of the park near 242nd St. When reported to the NYPD they refused to categorize this as a hate crime and dismissed the action as leftovers from piñatas suspended for celebrations the previous weekend.

The rope loops, however, in no way resembled knots tied for such a purpose and the location was not that of an earlier party. Moreover, the deed reflected months-long activity by "Identity Europa" fascists in the park, and occurred in the wake of the discovery of an assault rifle found left in the park by a Yonkers racist to "kill enemies."

All this was committed in the national context of a number of other nooses suspended and six other questionable hangings of Black and Latin men in response to the massive, ongoing revolt worldwide against racist police terror. The most recent of these occurred in nearby Morristown, New Jersey. Our coalition mobilized an action at the sight of the rope loop outrage with the slogan "A Noose is a DEATH Threat, Police Indifference is Complicity!" A number of speakers demanded a full investigation, with arrests and prosecutions -a demand we will continue to fight for, in the process exposing Mayor de Blasio and Commissioner Shea as the city’s main fascists.

Two days later we joined a demonstration at Coun-

cil member Andrew Cohen's office to press for diverting funds from the NYPD's bloated \$6 billion budget. In particular we demanded billions to fund teams of mental health workers to be dispatched to calls for people in mental crisis as well as massive expansion of mental health counseling and treatment facilities city-wide. The mayor's subsequent, cosmetic, mini reduction provided for none of these vital concerns, proving that the "Defund" movement will always fail under a capitalist dictatorship. The capitalists need brutal state power to enforce their rule.

We also took Cohen to task for failure to follow through on his promise to probe an avenged atrocity in our neighborhood's 50th precinct. NYPD were called to arrest teen-ager Alfred Burns who was alleged to be stealing a bicycle. The arresting officer, after subduing the young man on the ground, proceeded to pummel his head 13 times until pulled away by a fellow officer. When confronted with our coalition members' outrage at this racist assault, Precinct captain O'Toole baldly threatened: "He (Burns) will continue to resist arrest in the future so we probably will have to shoot him!" In a subsequent meeting Cohen promised to "speak" to "Toule." There is no evidence that he ever did as he claimed when confronted.

We are raising aspects of the Progressive Labor Party's line continually with our friends who share these actions with us, but our main weakness is that we are not significantly expanding the circulation of CHALLENGE newspaper. This must be corrected. The mass antiracist movement that has developed worldwide makes many more people open to our line. We must seize this opportunity to grow!

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## Capitalism is a Cannibalistic system

Is it any wonder that the words Cannibalism and Capitalism both look and sound alike? Moreover, in comparing how capitalism actually works, these words have very similar meanings as well.

I am watching a documentary called "Blood Business." It's about "blood donation" and its comparison to cannibalism. It's sad how such a noble deed as donating blood is dominated by giant corporations that monopolize that market. Through a process called "fractionation", blood plasma is collected, frozen, and shipped to hospitals all over the world. The multi-billion dollar industry is ever growing.

These companies exploit working-class people in meager economic conditions to profit from life-saving drugs made from their "donations." There's a connection to Covid-19's prevalence when you look at this cannibalistic industry. Donating blood and blood products multiple times per week for months and years leaves the donor's overall health vulnerable to infection. Consequently, it shortens their lifespan and creates poor living conditions. People become extremely lethargic because they are donating proteins necessary for proper life function. These are some of the problems ignored in literature these companies give to potential donors. Why must workers do this?

America's economy is in such disarray that people are forced to give their life away in order to maintain it. And if exploitation from these behemoths wasn't bad enough, there are drug dealers who exploit some donors. After a donor donates his plasma, his/her fee is paid on a debit card. Donors who are addicts can go literally across the street from the donation center and give over their debit card to the drug dealer. Drugs are exchanged for the credit on the card.

Regularly contributing people feel like "cows giving milk." A quote from the documentary is, "Isn't it ironic that masses of poor people are willing to donate their life's blood for the rich?" In the inner city, there are lines around the corner where people wait hours in line to give their blood/plasma so that the rich can live and continuously exploit them.

There are four major blood banking firms talked about in the documentary. One of them, named Octapharma, has a CEO worth \$6 billion dollars. Because the donors are paid a small fee or compensation for their donation, the parasitic companies do not like to use the term "payment" for blood donation, so they superimpose the term "compensation" so that the connotation is not that drug users are being paid for donating blood for money.

Capitalism is a cannibalistic "dog eat dog" system. This film exemplifies that. We must abolish this system that screws us all!

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# CAPITALISM BREEDS SEXISM RACISM & IMPERIALISM!



## FIGHT FOR A COMMUNIST WORLD BUILD THE INTERNATIONAL PLP! PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY

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## What the ruling class won't tell you!

As an original member of the PLP, I am inspired by these young workers who are learning and getting more sophisticated and more demanding in their issues as the mass movement continues. I am inspired by their thirst to understand their society and to question what kind of society they are living in.

Protestors are justifiably angry that they must pay taxes to police who kill them, but the majority of taxes we all pay goes to the military whose mission is to kill people in over 100 countries from over 800 U.S. military bases. Protestors need to understand that the racism and inequality they are protesting provides trillions in profits for this corporate capitalist system which continues to loot our communities and the world through unaccountable police and military forces who serve and protect the property and profit interests of their capitalist employers.

The capitalist media and their corporate backers want us to debate white supremacy and get rid of some bad cops instead of the real issue of unending class war between workers and capitalist blood suckers who use racism to divide workers in the U.S. and worldwide for their profits and power. These protests provide us with a tremendous opportunity to get CHALLENGE into the hands of these protestors who need to understand that capitalism is the main disease and killer and that only communism can provide for workers' needs and justice.

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# Tulsa Massacre

## Workers unite & fight, rulers loot & terrorize

Tulsa, Oklahoma is the story of looting and dis-possession. It is one of the countless massacres in the history of the United States, often skipped over in history class. It left behind untold suffering as thousands of Black residents were left homeless after three days of racist terror and violence. As U.S. bosses celebrated Independence Day, Frederick Douglass's 1852 speech "'What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?'" rang even more true this year—"for revolting barbarity and shameless hypocrisy, America reigns without a rival."

### Early setbacks for Black-white unity

Tulsa, Oklahoma was one of the fastest growing towns during the oil boom of the early 1900's. Jim Crow laws were among Oklahoma's first legal acts after statehood and segregation was more complete in Tulsa than it was in most other American cities (see Death in the Promised Land by Scott Ellsworth).

Both the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) and the Oklahoma Socialist Party had active chapters in Tulsa. Both had Black members and called for multi-racial unity. Their slogan was "raise our wages." The IWW had been leading strikes in Texas and had attempted to organize in the oil fields in Tulsa. They were clearly a threat to local bosses and politicians. But, in 1917 the police raided the local union hall, arresting 17 IWW members who were later brought up on various phony charges.

In an editorial from the local bosses press, the World, the advice was "All is necessary is the

evidence and a firing squad." Found guilty after a short trial, IWW members were attacked on their way to county jail, by a Klan type group, Knights of Liberty. With the help of the police, the union men were tied to a tree, whipped and tortured. That evening signs were posted- Notice to IWW's Don't Let The Sun Set On You in Tulsa. The Tulsa Klan boasted a "thriving chapter" in 1921 with chapters for men, women, and even boys. In Tulsa county, both the Republican and Democratic candidates for county attorney were Klansmen (Ku Klux Klan in the Southwest by Charles Alexander). They were not about to have union organizers who believed in Black-white unity in their midst.

### Bosses unleash a reign of terror

From May 31-June 1, 1921 the Black community in Tulsa experienced what can only be described as a reign of terror. After rumors that a 19 year old Black man, Dick Rowland, had attempted to assault a 17 year old white woman, Sarah Paige, in an elevator were published in the Tulsa Tribune, thousands of white men, with the aid and direction of the cops and city leaders, were deputized and armed.

In the course of one day they burned down one square mile of a suburb called Greenwood, later to be nicknamed "Black Wall Street." Homes and shops were destroyed. Black residents were shot down in the street. Both the National Guard and local cops joined the attack, dropping sticks of dynamite and firing machine guns. Local Black towns came under the surveillance of "airborne

reconnaissance." A brave but unsuccessful armed defense of the community was led by Black World War I veterans. As W.E.B. DuBois wrote- "We went to fight. We came back fighting."

Thousands of Black residents spent the winters of 1921/1922 in flimsy tents. According to an investigation by the Tulsa Race Riot Commission, almost 300 Black people were killed and 6,000 Black men were jailed. Some men stayed in jail for as long as eight days. Martial law was declared, Black people were rounded up at gunpoint and taken to refugee camps. They could only travel if issued a green pass (Tulsa Race War by R Haliburton, Jr.).

### The only solution is communist revolution

The use of violence against the working class, especially Black and Latin workers is ongoing and constant. There are hundreds of examples of massacres by the U.S. government dating back to the 1700s. Teaching about Tulsa, or Rosewood, or the Red Summer of 1919 forces the question- what kind of system do we live under? Why would we not unite together to build a better system where workers' needs are met without grinding others under foot? Who wouldn't want to be able to live in union with workers regardless of perceived differences? Communist revolution is the only solution for a multi-racial, united, and free working class. A world where there is food, housing and work for all is possible The Progressive Labor Party fights for this, join us!🇺🇸



## RED EYE ON THE NEWS . . .

### U.S. is the real looter

NYT, 6/23 — "Why are they looting?" It's asked every time protests against police violence erupt.... The answers: poverty, anger, age, rage and a sense of helplessness.... White youth figured prominently among looters during the recent unrest.... Looting has...been used as a pretext for expanding the police force....

"Looter" often means "Black,"....Rarely do we read about white looters during the Watts rebellion in 1965 or in Detroit in 1967....

[This] country was built on...the looting of indigenous lands and African labor; [Black] bodies and the wealth...created were loot....Communities were looted in dozens of "race riots" in... East St. Louis and Tulsa, Okla. where white mobs, often backed by the police, looted and burned Black homes...and maimed and killed Black people. A system...that suppressed [Black] wages... [and] property and excluded Black people from equal schools and public accommodations is ... looting....The looting of Black property through redlining, slum clearance and more recently predatory lending. Police departments and local courts engage in...looting by...collecting excessive fines and fees from vulnerable communities... "Municipalities that rely heavily on revenue from fines and fees have a higher than average percentage of African-American and Latino populations. And cities rely on tax revenue...to pay the ballooning costs to settle police misconduct cases. Chicago shelled out more than \$100 million to settle police misconduct suits in 2018 alone....Wall Street has profited from police misconduct. Cities and counties...have to issue bonds to pay out these settlements; banks collect fees for their services and investors earn interest....Beneficiaries include Wells Fargo, Goldman Sachs and Bank of America....What kind of society values property over Black life? Should...sneakers and computers, or shattered windows become [an] obsession when Black people are being killed before our eyes, when the police are beating and tear-gassing protestors during a viral pandemic that can cause respiratory illness?...The real provocateur of "riots"...was racism, which created the slum conditions that were the breeding grounds of rebellion....

### Racist bosses deny millions clean water and plumbing

GW, 7/3 — Imagine a country where 10 years on, over 2 million people are denied access to running water and basic indoor plumbing;

Where another 30 million live in areas...lacking access to safe drinking water;

Where 110 million people are exposed to toxic chemicals in their drinking water;

And where 15 million people have had their supply cut off because of the country's huge water affordability crisis.

Welcome to the United States of America.

Millions of ordinary Americans are facing rising and unaffordable bills for running water, and risk being disconnected or losing their homes if they cannot pay....Of 12 U.S. cities...the combined price of water and sewage increased by an average of 80% between 2010 and 2018, with more than two-fifths of residents...living in neighborhoods with unaffordable bills....Between 2010 and 2018 water bills rose by at least 27%,...[by] 154% in Austin, Texas, where the average bill rose from \$566... to \$1,435 in 2018....

...The use of punitive measures — shutoffs, and liens (a legal claim on the house linked to a debt that can lead to foreclosure) — is widespread...[and] can force affected households to abandon their homes. Jerome Montgomery, 48, a truck driver...in Cleveland, has [had]...to repay more than \$30,000 to the water departments...[to] avoid his home being auctioned off at a tax sale....

"It's like their trying to make me homeless," said Montgomery....For years, maintenance and clean-up projects were deferred by utilities, which has contributed to the current infrastructure and toxic water crisis....so cities must now borrow the money to invest in infrastructure programs and/or hike up prices in order to deliver safe, clean water....Water rates have gone up dramatically... where people are struggling with food, housing and other basic services. It's a symptom of the inequalities and segregation problems...in the U.S.... One in 20 homes are disconnected for unpaid bills annually...[and] have to...survive without water to flush the toilet, shower and cook....

...Detroit....has disconnected at least 141,000 households....The debt collection scheme...condemned the disproportionate impact on African-Americans,...about 80% of the city's population.... In Philadelphia...in a predominately low-income Black and brown neighborhood in 2014 [some] people...had been without running water for decades.

### George Washington, a forefather of slavery

NYT, 6/29 — The enslaved people who were shipped to America via the Middle Passage had already endured unspeakably horrific treatment.

One...written account...comes from...the Rev. Robert Walsh....In 1829,...what Walsh saw when he boarded the ship is beyond belief.

The ship had been at sea for 17 days. There were over 500 kidnapped Africans onboard. Fifty-five had already been thrown overboard.

The Africans were crowded below the main deck....3 feet 3 inches high. They were packed together so tight that they were sitting up between one another's legs, everyone completely nude. As Walsh recounted, "there was no possibility of their lying down or at all changing their position...."

Each had been branded, "burnt with the red-hot iron" on their breast or arm. Many were children, little girls and little boys...."The heat...was so great and the odor so offensive that it was quite impossible to enter them, even had there been room."

...These human beings sat in their own vomit, urine and feces....If another person sat between your legs, their bowels emptied out on you.... Many women onboard experienced menstruation in these conditions.

Many of the enslaved, sick or driven mad, were thrown overboard. Others simply jumped. ...There were so much human flesh over the side of those ships that sharks learned to trail them.... George Washington enslaved more than 100 human beings...signed the Fugitive Slave Act of 1793, authorizing slavers to stalk runaways even in free states and criminalizing the helping of escaped slaves....People excuse their enslavement and torture as artifact of the times....[but] no person's honorifics can erase the horror he or she has inflicted on others.



## ON THE QUESTION OF RACISM

# BLACK WORKERS' LEADERSHIP KEY TO COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

Readers of CHALLENGE are aware of Progressive Labor Party's (PLP) insistence upon the centrality of the struggle against racism to the fight for working-class liberation. The history of this strategic communist emphasis reveals the importance of proletarian (that is, working-class) internationalism in both theory and practice.

Although the Communist Party of the United States of America (CPUSA) is widely credited (even by anticommunist historians) with leading the fight against racism during the Depression years, during most of the previous decade the CPUSA—following in the tradition of the prewar U.S. Socialist Party—insisted that Black oppression (then called the “Negro Question”) was exclusively an economic matter. Undue emphasis upon the violence, poverty, and harsh conditions of labor disproportionately endured by the Black working class, it was argued, would alienate white workers. Unsurprisingly, Black membership in the CPUSA remained low through the 1920s: by 1929, there were still fewer than 300 Black members in a total membership of over 15,000 (Zumoff).

### The contradictory policy of Black liberation

It was the intervention of the Comintern (the worldwide association of Communist parties formed in 1919 after the Bolshevik Revolution) that enabled the CPUSA to put the fight against racism front and center. At the 1928 Sixth World Congress of the Comintern, there was intense debate over race, class, and nation. (1) Should Black workers in the U.S. be viewed as a “people,” a “race,” or a “nation”? (2) Did class divisions in the Black population make it impossible to have commonly shared material interests? (3) Did the call for “self-determination” of oppressed peoples and nations—a proposition key to both Lenin's and Stalin's writings on the “national question”—pertain to U.S. Black workers, and if so, how? (4) Were Black workers in the United States, by virtue of their greater degree of oppression and exploitation, particularly positioned to lead the global struggle against capitalism?

Notably, Black communists in the U.S. delegation to the Sixth World Congress were—while actively recruited to play a prominent role in these debates—themselves split on these issues (Haywood). It was largely delegates from other countries—especially Japan, Finland, and the USSR—who pressed for the position that would be endorsed as CPUSA policy during the coming period (Solomon). This policy was complex and contradictory.

On the one hand, it asserted that the Black peasantry (agricultural workers), located mostly in the “Black Belt” of the rural South, constituted an oppressed nation in need of self-determination, comparable to the separate peoples that had joined together to form the USSR (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) after the Bolshevik Revolution. On the other hand, particularly in the North, the Comintern policy called for an intensified fight against racism in all spheres of life, expressed in the slogan, “Black and White, Unite and Fight!”

### Black nationalism is a failing strategy

It was assumed that the Black Belt—upon attaining self-determination through a “bourgeois-democratic” (capitalist) revolution that would help it overcome its capitalist-engendered uneven de-



velopment—would then join the multiracial working class in the unified revolutionary movement needed to abolish capitalism.

This strategy was then and is now subject to serious critique. The call for a Black Republic, while intended to benefit working-class people of all races and ethnicities, even at the time smacked of Black nationalist separatism.

The post-World War II history of national liberation movements premised upon self-determination, moreover, has shown that the two-stage theory of revolution (first the bourgeois-democratic revolution, then the socialist revolution) has yielded only disappointment and betrayal, particularly in those parts of Asia, Africa, and Latin America where it was most fervently embraced.

Progressive Labor Party asserts that the early twentieth-century theorizations of the “national question,” while plausible in their time, have proven to be impediments rather than spurs to working-class liberation. We see its failure playing out to this day. That is why PLP fights for nothing less than multiracial unity and one international fight against capitalism. We have one common enemy and one world to win.

### Communists fight racism

Nonetheless, in the aftermath of the sharp struggles undertaken at the Sixth World Congress, the CPUSA greatly intensified its commitment to the fight against racism. Focusing both upon the special oppression of nonwhite workers and upon the destructive and divisive impact of racism upon the entire working class, the CPUSA took the lead in building a class-conscious multiracial movement, one whose legacy lasts to this day, especially in the ranks of PLP.

There would have been no Scottsboro campaign, no sharecropper organizing, no multiracial unionism, no massive eviction protests throughout the USA without the debates that had taken place in Comintern meetings on the other side of the world (Kelley; Naison). Moreover, where racism (“white chauvinism”) within the Party raised its ugly head, it was combated head-on, as in the so-called Yokinen trial of 1931 (Hudson).

One of the favorite canards of anticommunist historiography is the claim that the Comintern—often equated with a demonized construct designated as “Stalin”—never had at heart the interests of the workers of the world: that it sought only to defend the USSR and its ruling circles. The history of the struggle over the “Negro Question” in the United States shows quite the opposite.

In fact, whatever their nationalist limitations, when seen in retrospect, it was communists from around the world whose intervention helped communists in the U.S. reset their priorities. For this gesture of proletarian internationalism revolutionary antiracists remain indebted to this day.

### Black workers key

The international communist PLP is fighting for the idea that liberal bosses and politicians are the main danger and that fascism is being expressed most sharply today in fights within ruling classes over how they will align themselves or respond to the reality of U.S. imperialism in decline.

We also fight for the idea that leadership of Black workers is uniquely key to the global victory of communism. Join the fight.✊

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